

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Naoaki KATAOKA et al. :  
Serial No. [NEW] : **Attn: Application Branch**  
Filed July 9, 2001 : **Attorney Docket No. 2001-0978**  
METHOD FOR PURIFYING MATTER :  
CONTAMINATED WITH HALOGENATED :  
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS :  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. :  
09/355,981, Filed October 22, 1999)

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please insert the following as the first sentence of the specification:*

This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/355,891, filed October 22, 1999, which is  
a 371 of PCT/JP98/00363, filed February 7, 1997.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please cancel claims 21 to 27 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.*

REMARKS


The above amendment is presented to cross-reference the parent application and to cancel claims allowed in the parent application.

Thus, the present claims are those non-elected in the parent application.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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